HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

November 10, 2005

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Casperson requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltrown, Gillard and Espinoza.

Absent: Representative Stakoe.

Representative Gillard moved, supported by **Representative Sheltrown**, to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Stakoe.

Representative Sheltrown moved, supported by **Representative Nitz**, to approve the minutes of the **November 3, 2005** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid HB 5192 before the committee.

HB 5192 Hummel Natural resources; hunting; minimum age; reduce for firearm deer,

bear, or elk license.

Representative Hummel, sponsor of **HB 5192**, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed. Representative Hummel also submitted written material.*

Rodney Stokes, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of **HB 5192**. Questions and discussion followed.

Pamela Benzing, representing the Shooters Alliance for Firearms Rights, testified in support of **HB 5192**. Ms. Benzing also submitted written material.*

Wayne Groth, representing the Great Lakes Shooting Sports Association, submitted a testimony card indicating support for **HB 5192**, and did not wish to speak.

Brad Benzing, representing the Shooters Alliance for Firearms Rights, submitted a testimony card indicating support for **HB 5192**, and did not wish to speak.

Al W. Stinson, representing the Michigan Association for Purebred Dogs and the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, testified in support of **HB 5192**. Mr. Stinson also submitted written testimony.* Questions and discussion followed.

Jason Dinsmore, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, gave testimony indicating a neutral position on **HB 5192**. Questions and discussion followed.

Not in attendance, but submitting written material were Mr. Jim Dabb and Mr. Tim Kobasic.*

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:20 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
November 10, 2005
50 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicated printed material attached to original minutes.